



**CHARGE IS ACCEPTED:** Ralph Lehman, president of Berrien county intermediate school board (standing), presents charge to 34-member Blue Ribbon committee to pose solutions to pressing

problems faced by Benton Harbor Area schools. Committee accepted challenge Tuesday night during first session at Intermediate district headquarters, Berrien Springs. George Welch (seated to

right of Lehman) was elected permanent chairman. Deadline for reports on suggested solutions was set at May 31. (Staff photo)

## BH Schools Panel Convenes

# Change Is Their 'Must' Goal

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

**BERRIEN SPRINGS** — A 34-member Blue Ribbon committee meeting here for the first time last night accepted a charge to pose solutions to pressing problems of the Benton Harbor Area school district by the end of May.

The committee, announced late last month by Berrien Intermediate school board, last night met in the Intermediate district headquarters here to select a permanent chairman and get down to the business of

identifying problems and naming solutions.

Committeemen chose George Welch, one of their number from the North Shore-Lafayette area, as permanent chairman and were charged by Intermediate President Ralph Lehman with adopting majority and minority reports on problem solutions by May 31.

Welch, also head of the steering committee of the Blue Ribbon committee, immediately set the tone for last night and three future meetings of the Blue Ribbon committee sched-

uled this month. He declared the status quo in the Benton Harbor district is unacceptable and the only issue for the committee to consider is change.

Three Benton Harbor district problem areas Welch identified are:

- The safety of children in school and the community.
- The quality of education in Benton Harbor schools.
- Protection of home property values.

The committee also heard a state department of education

official, Ronald Edmonds, report that the state department of education staff would view "with disfavor" any Benton Harbor school district reorganization that would work against desegregation.

"The prejudice is against anything that would cause the physical distance between black students and white students to increase," said Edmonds, assistant superintendent for school and community affairs and a consultant to the Blue Ribbon committee.

Racial composition of a dis-

trict is one of the first variables the state-level authorities look at and any property transfer petitions that would cause greater racial isolation in the Benton Harbor district would likely be vetoed by the state board of education, he said.

Committeemen by their comments indicated the Benton Harbor Area school problems are many and not subject to "pat" solutions.

A summary of nearly three (See back page, sec. 1, col. 4)

# Deer Wrecks BH Store

What could cause more damage than a bull in a china shop?

A deer in a furniture store, if you ask Victor Eichenbaum, manager of Turner Quality Furniture store at 136 Territorial road, Benton Harbor.

Eichenbaum was surveying damage caused by a 150 to 160-pound doe deer that leaped through a large plate glass window at the storefront about 8:30 a.m. today, dam-

aged thousands of dollars worth of furniture with blood from its wounds, and leaped out of another large window.

Benton Harbor police shot it a few minutes later in another store.

Eichenbaum estimated damage to mattresses, couches, chairs, carpeting, lampshades and other items in the store at \$10,000.

The deer, which apparently broke a leg leaping into the store, thrashed wildly about, spattering blood from a wound probably received coming through the window.

Then it leaped out of the store through another large plate glass window, Eichenbaum said. It ran about a block and a half to Yerington Klose Electric Co. at 210 Water street and pushed open a front door with its nose and entered.

Considerable blood spillage but little real damage occurred there, said Bill Forcade, Yerington-Klose general manager and vice president.

Benton Harbor police dispatched the deer in the electrical store with one pistol shot after being advised by the state Department of Natural Resources to put the animal out of its misery.

The carcass was loaded aboard the police paddy wagon. What will be done with it was not immediately known.

Benton Harbor Patrolman Ronald Egan said he first spotted the deer coming from the Salvation Army parking lot, and tried unsuccessfully to head it off "before it got to the stores with the big win-

does."

Egan said he parked his car near Turner Furniture and was "going to smack it with my nightstick but she was out

and around the car before I had a chance."

He estimated the deer was in Turner's less than three minutes.



**ATTEMPT UNSUCCESSFUL:** Benton Harbor Patrolman Richard Egan looks over carcass of deer police had to dispatch after Egan unsuccessfully tried to keep the deer away from downtown storefronts. The deer smashed through the window of one store and was finally cornered in the lobby of another. (Staff photos by Wes Stafford)

## Taking Over At Dunes Project

**GLEN HAVEN, Mich. (AP)** — The U.S. Interior Department has announced the appointment of a former Traverse City man as project manager of the 71,000-acre Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Benzie and Leelanau Counties.

## Announce Top Merit Scholars

South Haven,  
SJ Girls  
Get Grants

Two area students—both girls—were named today as winners of college-sponsored, four-year National Merit Scholarships, which will provide between \$400 and \$6,000 toward their advanced education.

The winners were Signe Chickering, 17, a senior at St. Joseph high school, and Rose Redies, also 17 and a senior at L. C. Mohr high school in South Haven.

They are the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Chickering 2016 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Redies, Sr., route 1, South Haven.

The two scholars are among 700 high school seniors awarded college-financed scholarships in the last of three major grant announcements in the 1971 Merit program.

The winners of college-sponsored Merit Scholarships are selected by the sponsoring college or university and are restricted to finalists who plan to attend that institution.

They are not transferable to another institution.

"It is gratifying to note the continuing growth of sponsorship of Merit Scholarships by colleges and universities," said Edward C. Smith, president of the Merit corporation.

"The 1971 winners were chosen from nearly 15,000 highly-qualified students who became finalists in the 1970-71 program," he noted.

The finalists are students who scored in about the upper half of the one per cent of graduating seniors in their state on the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. They later confirmed this performance on a second test and received the endorsement of their schools.

The amount of the grants accompanying a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship is determined by the sponsoring institution according to its own financial aid procedures. Individual stipends are not made public since they are based in part on confidential family information.

Miss Chickering's scholarship was provided by Duke University, where she plans to follow in



SIGNE E. CHICKERING



ROSE M. REDIES

the footsteps of her father, majoring in medicine. At St. Joseph high, she has been editor-in-chief of the school yearbook, and a member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, Math club, Thespians. She has also been a

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# Jewel Sticks To, Expands Napier Store Plans

Jewel Food Stores is continuing its attempt to build the largest store of its chain in Benton township.

Two attorneys representing Jewel appeared before the Benton township board of trustees last night requesting that rezoning of property on East Napier avenue for a store site go before a public hearing.

Jewel now proposes to build a 45,000 square foot food and drug store, costing an estimated \$1.75 million — 75 per cent more than two years ago when Jewel filed its original request.

**NO HEARING** — Another application was presented to the planning commission last June and has languished there without a public hearing.

The planning commission delayed a public hearing because a revised land use plan for the township was being considered. The plan has now been completed and public hearings are being held on it.

Atty. Joseph E. Killian of St. Joseph said Jewel Food Stores last year agreed to wait 90 days for a hearing on rezoning, but the company now sees no reason for further delay. Appearing with Killian was a partner, Atty. Carl Burdick.

Jewel wants rezoning of five acres of land owned by Miss Helen Ochloff at 756 East Napier avenue from D-2 to D-1 commercial. Present D-2 zoning restricts construction to residential and professional type buildings. The site is between Union street and M-139.

If rezoned, Jewel would purchase the site for construction of the food and drug store. Killian asked the board of trustees to recommend that the planning commission hold a hearing within 30 days. The only action the board took was to refer the matter to the planning commission.

The store would mean local tax revenues of \$46,274 a year to the township, schools and county, Killian said.

Benton township recently laid (See back page, sec. 1, col. 3)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Citizenship Of Convenience

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans declared recently that American citizenship is not to be turned off and on like a water tap.

Four years ago Thomas G. Jolley fled his native Georgia to Canada to escape the draft. He formally renounced his citizenship to clinch the flight.

Our northern neighbor offers this haven on its own rigid terms.

The migrant finds it difficult to obtain a job because Canada has an unemployment rate higher than the U.S., and unlike the crazy situation in our country where anyone can obtain instant welfare by certifying he is indigent, the host country does open its relief rolls to visitors.

Remittances from home, consequently, are the mainstay for the American draft dodger.

Subsequent to his flight Jolley re-entered the U.S.

Eventually the Immigration and Naturalization Service discovered him.

Jolley took his deportation order into court.

Very likely he will appeal the Appellate Court's decision that having renounced his citizenship he can not claim it back as a defense to the Immigration Service's argument of his being an alien illegally living in this country.

Conceivably he could apply for U.S. citizenship through the naturalization process, but his lawyers probably have counseled against that route as impractical.

Jolley's case is one common to all wars in which Uncle Sam has been engaged since achieving nationhood and with every other country for that matter. The great nation, if it grants re-

patriation at all, exacts a severe penalty before restoring citizenship on the policy rule that desertion is not to be condoned.

The best known instance of renunciation and repatriation but for reasons different than Jolley pursued is Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress.

She divorced her first of six husbands in 1935 and on the day following the issuance of the decree re-married to a Danish count.

She promptly renounced her American citizenship and became a citizen of Denmark.

Although her many biographers, mostly of the gossip column variety, gave varying reasons for her act, the best guess was her desire to escape the U.S. income tax which under FDR's prodding of the New Deal Congress was starting an upward climb.

Six years later the couple applied for and obtained a divorce in Denmark.

Barbara returned to the U.S.

Despite some acrimonious comment by the press and many Congressmen at the time the government accepted a recantation of the renunciation.

By 1941 Congress had boosted the income tax to stratospheric levels as part of the national defense effort, so the restoration of citizenship, if nothing else, put her sizeable income to work on the U.S. rearmament bills.

Another mitigating factor possibly was that unlike Jolley, Barbara did not take a powder to escape "the nefarious burden" which today's refugees assert.

Viet Nam is not a war to evoke sincere patriotic gestures, but Jolley and the others are not helping anyone by coming out.

Queen Calls For A Pay Raise

Ordinary people must ask for a raise, but when Queen Elizabeth II wants more money she must send a Gracious Message to the House of Commons. Her Majesty, now in dire straits, is expected to ask Parliament for such an increase this summer. If so, she will be the first British monarch ever to request a raise.

The royal grant, known as the Civil List, amounts to 475,000 pounds sterling a year (about \$1,440,000). This figure was fixed in 1952 when Elizabeth ascended the throne. However, in terms of today's inflated prices, the Queen should be getting close to \$2 million just to keep even. The government at Westminster pays Elizabeth only \$12,000 more than it paid to Edward VII at the turn of the century.

The Queen must pay all the wages of her staff of some 300 servants. She must also keep up the royal residences and entertain out of her Civil List income. The remainder, her salary in effect, is about \$144,000. Even Queen Juliana of the Netherlands gets more. Although President Nixon receives \$200,000 a year, he also gets \$50,000 annually to defray expenses resulting from official duties. In addition, Congress pays more than \$8 million a year for the upkeep of the White House and \$1.3 million for Nixon's staff.

The Queen's finances are currently in Rolls Royce style chaos, writes The Sun. As an economy measure, Prince Philip has sold his yacht, Bloodhound, for \$75,000. The palace staff has been cut by 15 per cent. Philip gave Americans a preview of the royal austerity program when he appeared on the television program "Meet the Press" in November 1969 and said that Buckingham Palace would run a deficit in 1970. He even hinted that if Parliament would not help, the royal family might "have to move to smaller premises."

The royal family lives a life of middle class simplicity amidst settings of palatial grandeur. Whereas it used to be caviar, now cucumber or watercress sandwiches are served at the queen's summer tea parties.

There are a number of prerequisites which are not accounted for in the queen's allowance. Her phone and postal bills of over \$125,000 a year are paid by the Post Office. She also is allowed \$1.2 million for the upkeep of the royal yacht Britannia, almost \$1.1 million for her jet plane, Royal Flight, and \$84,000 for the royal trains.

The plight of the royal family is greatly embarrassing to some. However, if the Queen lacks ready cash, she has immense capital assets. Estimates of her fortune range as high as \$350 million. This includes her castles, her paintings, and the world's finest collection of set gems.

Although the Conservative government has no intention of changing its voluntary restraint policy on other wage claims, it is unlikely to say no to the Queen. What Prime Minister Heath is likely to do is to review the archaic way in which the monarchy is paid. Considering the modesty and secrecy surrounding the Queen's finances, such as overhaul is long overdue.

Not everyone in the Commons is for bailing the Queen out, William Hamilton, Labor MP for Fife West, has said in debate on the House of Commons floor that he is opposed to any inflationary "wage settlement" for the queen. However, such opposition sentiments are unlikely to dissuade the select committee of senior MPs who will fix a new figure. It's a pretty safe bet that by 1972 the royal family will be out of the red.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

**WILL CONGRESS PAY FOR IT?**  
-1 Year Ago-  
A four-point, \$6.4 million program calling for the federal government to rebuild beaches from St. Joseph to Grand Mere was unveiled last night by engineers proposing to stop Lake Michigan bluff erosion.

Federal participation, however, hinges primarily on results of a primary study made early this year and forwarded to Army Corps of Engineers headquarters in Washington.

Col. James T. White Jr., of the Detroit office said after personally surveying the erosion area along Lakeshore drive and hearing the report.

**SPACEMAN WAITS; WEATHER UNCERTAIN**  
-10 Years Ago-  
Despite threatening weather, the U. S. Space Agency is going ahead with plans to launch its first manned space flight at 7 a.m. tomorrow.

**SUN TO SHINE**  
-40 Years Ago-  
Although rain today dampened the hopes of some entrants, the weather man this afternoon predicted skies would be clear and the sun shine for tomorrow afternoon's second annual kiddies' parade in St. Joseph. Officials in charge predict that 2,500 children from 25 rural and city schools will take part.

**RETURN HOME**  
-30 Years Ago-  
H. W. Peck and family have returned from the south where they spent the winter and have opened their home in this city.

**OPENING EVENT**  
-60 Years Ago-  
On Saturday evening the opening dance for the Edgewater club was given. A large number from St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Higman Park attended.

**NAME CHOSEN**  
-80 Years Ago-  
A number of local business men expressed the opinion that the name "Port Michigan" was suitable for the consolidated two towns of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

**BRING BACK RAIL SERVICE**

Casey Jones mounted to the cabin.

Casey Jones with his orders in his hand.

Casey Jones mounted to his cabin.

And he made his farewell trip To the Promised Land.

Perhaps no one in America could best describe the requiem of the railroad passenger service with more eloquence and feeling than NBC's TV commentator, Len O'Connor, on his broadcast of May 1.

Surely it will be a date to remember, especially by old timers who for three quarters of a century have been associated directly or indirectly with railway transportation. Len told the story as it was, placing the blame squarely upon the many sources whose indifference to changing times did everything but bury a utility unlike any other in public service.

Railroad transportation is not dead by any stretch of the imagination, but I do predict that within the next decade the new system now in service will slowly disintegrate and a final epitaph will be written.

Passenger service will be a dead issue, and as Len said machinery and hogs will be the prime factor that will keep the rolling stock slithering like long snakes over ribbons of steel from coast to coast, and from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. For freight the American railroads will live forever. We thank God for that.

There are, however, millions of people who will suffer at this loss. Elderly people, rural folks who are without other means to transport them to and from work, medical service, emergencies of all kinds will experience many difficulties because of this event in our so called march of progress.

Mr. O'Connor overlooked one factor which needs mention. Public buses, long and short distance ones, are also on their way out. In the past five years great cuts in bus service have been made. Thousands of towns and villages are either without such service or can expect to be victims of any moment.

Mass transportation in the large cities is no panacea for the rural dilemma. When cities like Cleveland are cut off from national railway service we can easily read the handwriting on the wall.

Perhaps some day every American family can enjoy one or two skelter planes plus a couple of baby type helicopters for their daily use. The problem then will be parking, the same as at present.

Thank you Len for your comments. Can one imagine what our skies will look like in 1999? Thousands more airports, large and small, a plane in every garage, one hundred thousand more miles of highways.

What is portrayed in the crystal ball?

Woe is me!

**WILLIAM A. RODGERS**  
Bridgman.

(Ed. note: Since Contributor Rodgers began his comment with a railroading poem, we think it in order to conclude it with a stanza from another famous song

Editor, The Herald-Press:

**GOD KEEP YOU, MOTHER**

Since my dear mother passed away on Mothers Day, 1955, maybe some of your readers would enjoy this little poem which I treasure so much.

God keep you mother,  
God bless you, mother in your grave,  
God keep you in His care,  
And maybe listen to my heart,  
And hear my fervent prayer.

I pray that you are safe with Him,  
For all eternity,  
And He will bless you for your love,  
For all our family.

May you have peace and rest at last,  
From every care and woe,  
And may you sleep in comfort,  
From the wind and rain and snow.

God bless you for your smiling lips,  
And all you tried to do,  
To bring us happiness on earth  
And make our dreams come true.

And up in Heaven, mother dear,  
Please say a prayer for me,  
And for my husband and child  
And for all your family.

Mrs. Lillian Zemek,  
P. O. Box 135,  
Sawyer

about the Iron Horse:

We hear the engine's whistle,  
And the lonesome hobo's call,  
As we ride the rods and brakebeams  
On the Wabash Cannonball).

Editor, The Herald-Press:

**IT ALL WENT TO DRUG CENTER**

I wish to clarify an article that appeared in your Friday April 30, 1971 edition. All proceeds from the car wash sponsored by the Key Club of Lakeshore High School were donated to the Berrien Drug Treatment Center, not just a portion.

Thank you very much.

**BILL STEINKE,**  
President  
Lakeshore Key Club  
250 E. John Beers  
St. Joseph

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

HOW CAN I track down the cause of a peculiar mouth odor? My husband notices it only occasionally. It doesn't seem to be related to anything I've eaten.

Mrs. E. R. B., Va.

Dear Mrs. B.: Halitosis, or bad breath, can usually be traced to the teeth, the sinuses, and the nasal passages. If there is no disease in these areas, then the stomach and upper intestinal tract are explored.

You obviously have ruled out garlic, onions and some types of herbs that produce persistent odors.

Some chronic infections of the lungs, such as bronchitis and emphysema, can also produce an unpleasant mouth odor, as can diabetes, kidney disease, and even some types of anemia.

A general physical examination, which includes minute dental study, may pinpoint the cause and help to eradicate the odor.

An interesting suggestion once came to my attention. Dr. John R. Richardson of Boston Pointed out that 8 to 10 glasses of water daily often resulted in the disappearance of bad breath in those of his patients who had no other causes for this unpleasant condition.

It's worth a try, unless your own doctor feels that this amount of fluid is not good for you.

Our baby was born with a club foot. He is now 3 months old. We are concerned that he may need surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R., Okla.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. I.: Club foot is not a rare birth abnormality. It seems to be an inherited tendency, especially in families known to have other birth defects.

The condition is recognized early because the foot is turned inward at the ankle.

Treatment is begun almost as soon as the condition is recognized. The foot and part of the leg are placed in a cast, and kept there for many months.

The results of this treatment with cast and manipulation are excellent, especially when started early.

Only rarely is surgery resorted to. When it is, success is almost always assured.

Does leprosy ever occur in the United States?

Mr. R. E., La.

Dear Mr. E.: Occasionally, in the Southern gulf states, cases do appear. With modern treatment, most cases are either completely controlled or cured.

In your very state, there is a remarkable institute, the National Leprosarium, for the diagnosis and treatment of this disease.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Don't pick or irritate moles of the skin

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention To Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer, North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ K 8 3  
♦ K 9 5  
♦ K Q 10 7 4  
♦ K 2

**WEST**  
♦ J 10 5  
♦ Q 8 4 3  
♦ 9 2  
♦ Q J 10 7

**EAST**  
♦ A Q 7 4  
♦ 7  
♦ 8 6 5  
♦ 9 6 5 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♦ 9 6 2  
♦ A J 10 6 2  
♦ A J 3  
♦ A 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
3 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
4 ♣

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads a club. It is immediately obvious that the only possible losers are a trump and three spades, so all your thoughts are devoted to eliminating at least one of them.

If you could see the East-West cards, you would have no difficulty avoiding the trump loser, for you would know how to finesse successfully against the queen.

But since you don't see them, you are faced with the problem of guessing which way to take the finesse. As usual in this type of situation, the direction in which you finesse is influenced by the factor of which opponent will wind up on lead if you misguess the queen.

Thus, in the present case, the proper course of play is clear. You should win the club lead with the ace and play the jack of hearts, finessing after West follows low. As it happens, the jack holds the trick, so you continue with a low heart to the nine, cash the king of hearts, ace of diamonds and ace of hearts, and in that way make twelve tricks.

Note that if the jack loses to East's queen you are still on firm ground. With East on lead, dummy's king of spades cannot be successfully attacked and the contract is secure.

Note also that if you played a heart to the king at trick two and a heart back you would lose a heart and three spades and go down one.

Finally, note further that if you first cashed the ace of hearts and then took a finesse, your journey would also end unsuccessfully. West's four trumps would prove fatal.

What the hand demonstrates above all is that trying to guess which opponent has the queen is not nearly as important as keeping West, the dangerous opponent, out of the lead.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**

1 — What American president was called "Atlas of America"?  
2 — What American president was called "Father of the Constitution"?  
3 — What American president was called "Hero of Tippecanoe"?  
4 — What American president was called "Caesar"?  
5 — What American president was called "The Red Fox"?  
Mrs. Lillian Zemek, P. O. Box 135, Sawyer

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**

On this day in 1896 the first woman printer, Dinah Nuthead, applied for a license in Annapolis, Md.

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**

**IMBALANCE** — (im-BAL-ens) — noun; the state or condition of lacking balance; faulty muscular coordination.

**YOUR FUTURE**

Yours is a critical birthday. Be sure to follow impartial expert advice. Today's child will be conservative.

**IT'S BEEN SAID**

What is dishonorably got, is dishonorably squandered. — Cicero.

**BORN TODAY**

Economic structure is the basis of history and determines all the social, political and intellectual aspects of life.

The evils of capitalist society cannot be abolished by reform, therefore, but only by destruction of the whole capitalist economy and establishment of a new classless society.

So believed Karl Marx and his beliefs profoundly influenced the shape of the world right down to today, May 5, 1971.

The German socialist was born in 1818 in Treves. His father, a Jewish lawyer, went over to Christianity in 1824 and the family was baptized as Protestants.

He went to the universities of Bonn and Berlin and studied first law, then history and philosophy. He received the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1841.

In contrast to most of the socialists of his day, Marx stressed the political struggle as the lever of social emancipation.

In Paris Marx met Friedrich Engels. The economic, political and social doctrines of Marx, Engels and their disciples and successors received the name of Marxism, especially when applied to countries with Communist systems of government.

Because of his revolutionary activities, Marx spent most of his life outside Germany, and his major work, "Capital," was written in London where he also organized the First International, an association of European socialists, in 1864.

His ideas had great influence on Nicolai Lenin and the development of Russian Communism.

Others born today include Freeman (Amos) Gosden, Em-p-r-e-s-s Eugene, Christopher Morley and Tyrone Power.

**HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?**

1 — George Washington.  
2 — James Madison.  
3 — William Henry Harrison.  
4 — Abraham Lincoln.  
5 — Thomas Jefferson.



# THE HERALD-PRESS

Twin City  
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1971

## SJ Sidewalk Construction Projects Announced

Summer sidewalk construction projects, some in older sections of St. Joseph, have been announced by the city engineer's office.

Property owners will be notified by the city engineer where sidewalks will be installed and upon completion owners will be billed based on "as built measurements."

In the letters advising owners of the projects the city gives owners the alternative of installing their own sidewalks under private contract or by having the city do the work, as long as installation standards are met.

Usually sidewalk announcements are met with protests by property owners but the St. Joseph City Commission has generally followed recommendations for installation pointing out the need for safe areas for children to walk to school and as a reduction in the city's liability hazards.

The new sidewalk list:

Bernice avenue, east side; Coles avenue, east side; DuVerne avenue, north side; Forres avenue, east side; between Hutchinson and DuVerne avenues; Hutchinson avenue, south side; between Forres and Niles avenues; Jones street, north side

between Wayne and Church streets.

Lane drive, south side, between Niles avenue and Mount Curve; Lane drive, north side, between Thayer drive and Morton avenue; Langley avenue, east side, between Ann and Pearl streets; Lewis avenue, north side, between Langley avenue and Sunset drive; Manley court, both sides.

Miller drive, north side; Morton avenue, west side, between Wisconsin and Wolcott avenues and west side from Lane drive to end; Pixley avenue, both sides, between Greenwood ave-

nue and Mohawk lane and west side, between Lewis and Greenwood avenues; Parr court, both sides, between Wolcott and Lewis avenues.

Sunset drive, east side, between Lewis and Marion avenues; Thayer drive, west side, between Lane drive and Kingsley avenue; Wolcott avenue, north side, between Morton and Pixley avenues and north side from Morton avenue along city park and both sides between Langley avenue and Parr court; Young place, both sides.

## Blossomtime Spotlight Will Shine On Kiddies

### \*\*\* Downtown St. Joseph To Host Annual Parade \*\*\*

Blossomtime week activities will be centered in downtown St. Joseph Thursday afternoon, when some 2,000 youngsters from the Twin Cities area are expected to join in the traditional Kiddies parade.

Tots in costumes, on foot, on bicycles and tricycles and mini-floats and others with pets will hold the spotlight. They will be joined by a caravan of Blossomtime officials, community leaders and the 28 community queens

who will pause in their whirlwind keys to the cities tour for the event.

The Kiddies parade alternates between Benton Harbor and St. Joseph each year. The parade in Benton Harbor last year included about 2,000 youngsters and some 20,000 spectators. Weather conditions were ideal, with sunny skies and temperatures in the 70's.

STARTS AT 3:30 P.M.

The parade Thursday will begin at 3:30 p.m. on State street at Pearl street, reported Blossomtime officials.

Units will move north on State, through downtown St. Joseph, to Pleasant street, and west on Pleasant to Lake boulevard. The route then will be south on Lake to Park street, the dispersal point.

St. Joseph Police Chief Tom Gillespie said "no parking" signs will be posted from 6 a.m. until after the parade in the 500 and 600 blocks of Elm, Market, Pearl, Park, Price and Jones streets.

Mrs. Frank Barnes, judges chairman, said awards will be presented to winning parade units immediately after dispersal, in the community room of the YWCA, 508 Pleasant street.

Trophies are presented to winning floats in the sweepstakes class A and class B divisions, while medals are presented to floats receiving honorable mention in these divisions.

First place and honorable mention ribbons will be presented to entrants in other categories: decorated wagons; decorated bikes; horses; dogs; cats; other pets; costume groups; costume individuals; marching groups; girls; marching corps; boys; marching units; and baton corps.

EARLY JUDGING  
Mrs. Barnes said judging is to be completed before the parade, and judges, are to report by 2:20 p.m. at "judging central" at State and Park.

Blossomtime officials said bands, marching units and costume groups and individuals will form for the parade at State and Park. Baton corps wagons, doll cab, tricycles and bicycles will form at State and Price.

Leading the parade will be the St. Joseph junior high school band, with Benton Harbor junior high school band bringing up the rear. The position of bands is reversed in years the parade is in Benton Harbor.

### YFC Teen Talent Hunt Saturday

Final rally of Berrien County Youth for Christ this school year will be at Benton Harbor high school auditorium Saturday featuring an area-wide Teen Talent contest.

Contest categories are vocal solos, vocal groups, instrumental solos, instrumental groups, teen speakers, folk solos and folk groups, gospel pianists and all-star quizzing.

All contestants must be students in area high schools. Winners in each category will represent Berrien County YFC at the Michigan YFC finals June 18-19 at Spring Arbor college. State winners will compete at the Great Lakes area playoffs at Winona lake, Ind., July 3-9.

Youth for Christ will sponsor a new life crusade at Watervliet high school with Wes Aarum as speaker and Dan Widlicka as music director June 23-28. A semi-formal youth banquet will be held before the crusade June 22 at Watervliet high school.



KIDDIE PARADE JUDGES: This panel, headed by Mrs. Frank Barnes, will judge entries in the Blossomtime Kiddies Parade, scheduled to start at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, at State and Pearl street, St. Joseph. Seated, from left: Dorothy Davis, Orion Flowers, Robert Rumney, Robert Williams, Army Sfc. Henry Floyd, Marine Sgt. Paul R. Farrell, and Air Force MSGT Wil-

liam R. Barnett. Second row, from left: Douglas R. Ehman, Tyrone Osby, Barbara Pence, Mrs. Barnes, Al Lange and Navy CSC Morris Greer. Top row, from left: Gilberto Guzman, Glenda Helme, Jean Devine, Smyrna Jackson, LaVerne Harris, and D. Wayne Root. (Staff photo)

### Parade Judges Named

Judges were announced today for Blossomtime's Grand Floral Parade of 102 units that starts at 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph and proceeds across the river down Main street Benton Harbor.

John Steffoff, chairman of the judges' committee, said the judges are B. Dale Ball, director, Michigan Department of Agriculture; Orion Samuelson, farm service director, WGN Chicago, and James Bregman, a judo champion.

Ball has judged past Blossomtime parades. He has been director of the Department of Agriculture since 1965 and is a practicing dairyman, owning a herd of 100 registered Holsteins at Williamston. He taught vocational agriculture at Michigan State five years before joining the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1945. Six years later he went to the Michigan department.

Bregman won the U.S. judo championship in the 165-pound class in 1964 and went on to win a Bronze Medal in the Olympics at Tokyo the same year. He has numerous other awards.

Bregman started in judo at 12. After high school he went to the right place — Tokyo — to develop championship techniques in the sport. A graduate of Sophia university, Tokyo, and American University, Washington, D.C., he is a computer systems analyst at National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, Md. His appearance here is sponsored by Morris Martin of Martin Brothers Mill & Foundry Supply Co.

Samuelson is no stranger to the Twin Cities having served as master of ceremonies eight years for the Miss Blossomtime pageant. He has daily radio and television shows over WGN.

### Hart Praised For Beard

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Philip Hart has been named a "Brother of the Brush" by Cheboygan Centennial Committee.

The title is granted to those who "have a facial foliage which is of such luxuriance and length so as to make it easily seen and recognized at eight paces."

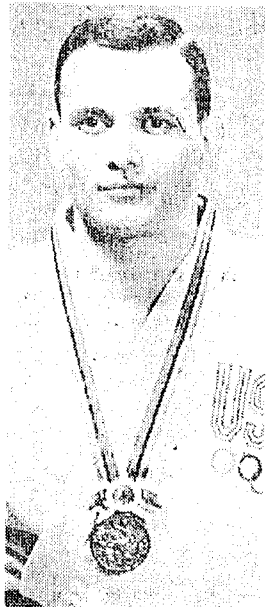
### SUMMER PROGRAM

### Speech Therapy Will Be Offered At BH

The Benton Harbor school district will again sponsor a summer speech therapy program for students preschool through high school.

Dean Betz, speech correctionist teacher, will coordinate the summer program, which will run June 14 - July 23. Students entering the program must show a need for additional therapy beyond what they received in the regular school year. A speech therapist will make a diagnosis of the students. Classes will be held daily and will vary in length according to the student's needs.

For registration, interested parents, teachers and social workers familiar with students may call the special Education department (925-7373) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Betz at his home after 7 p.m. (927-4040).



JAMES BREGMAN



ORION SAMUELSON



B. DALE BALL

### Possible Town Hall Site

## SJ Township Completes Purchase

St. Joseph township has completed purchase of a nine-acre plot, Supervisor Orval L. Benson announced today, that could become the site for a new township hall.

The 380 by 1,320-foot parcel is located just off Washington avenue and Nelson road. There is access through a 66-foot wide

lot onto Washington and Aurilla drive.

The township also purchased a 93 by 283-foot lot on Nelson road which provides access to that street. The township paid \$2,600 an acre for the main plot and \$4,000 for the lot on Nelson road. The property is halfway between the St. Joseph city

limits and Lincoln township.

Township electors at the annual meeting in April heard that township property on Napier near Colfax in Fairplain and two lots at Washington and

Hilltop in South St. Joseph, are too valuable from a commercial standpoint to keep in government service.

Benson said the township is having the present township hall and fire station No. 1 at Washington and Hilltop appraised to determine its value and also is checking to see how marketable the property is.

That could determine if there will be any immediate action or if the whole project will await a more favorable real estate climate.

Benson said under no circumstances will fire station No. 2 be put on the block at 1745 Broadmoor drive, Fairplain. But fire station No. 1 could be sold if the price was right, he said.

### AT LAKESHORE

## Kindergarteners Register Friday

Kindergarten Round-Up for Lakeshore schools will be held Friday at each of the district's five elementary schools.

Parents of pre-school children who will be five years old by Dec. 1 this year are asked to visit the elementary school closest to their home to register their child.

Registration is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and school officials are asking that most parents try and attend the registration in the afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. when a kindergarten teacher will be available to answer questions.

Parents are asked not to bring their children to the registration session where forms must be filled out and a medical form picked-up.

Appointments will also be taken for each child to visit school during the week of May 17 and get acquainted with the classrooms during the half-day visit.

Parents are reminded by Gloria Vanderbeck, curriculum coordinator, to bring their child's birth certificate to the session Friday.

### FRIDAY NIGHT

## Berrien 4-H'ers Set Talent Show

Hundreds of Berrien county 4-H'ers will be taking part in the annual 4-H Talent show, Friday, May 21, at 8 p.m. at Eau Claire high school, according to Mrs. Howard Westlake of Solus, co-chairman of the event.

The deadline for pre-registration is 5 p.m., Friday, May 14. The purpose of the talent show is to develop and encourage members to take part in the many creative activities of 4-H. It is designed to help young people increase their poise and confidence and to provide 4-H families and the general public with wholesome entertainment, according to Larry Cushman, area 4-H agent.

The talent acts will be comprised of instrumentals, vocal, dance and dramatic novelty skits. The winners of this event will be taking part in the Michigan 4-H District Talent show to be held in July. Mrs. Edward Young of Eau Claire is the other co-chairman of the county event.

## Shoreham Will Hold Hearing

Shoreham village council last night set a public hearing for its 1971-72 budget for 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 1 — a budget which calls for expenditures of \$16,555, up \$2,941 over last year's actual expenses.

The major increases include \$1,000 more in the village improvement fund and \$2,000 set aside for printing a new set of ordinances.

The village is solidly in the black. It has a balance on hand of \$18,911. Its anticipated receipts are \$3,165 from a 2.5-mill property tax; \$600 intangible tax; \$8,200 sales tax; \$2,700 state income tax and \$1,800 from interest on treasury bills for a total of \$16,465 which coupled with its balance totals \$35,376.42.

### LEAVES BALANCE

Projected expenses total \$16,555 which would leave a balance March 20, 1972 of \$18,821.43. The village actually spent \$13,614.37 last fiscal year.

Councilman Joseph Mueller recommended that Shoreham residents adopt the county's new numbering system in time to get their correct address on water service billing accounts. All of Shoreham is hooked up and water taps can be made now, he said.

## Liberty Hopes To Free Free

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — When Alvin Free was arraigned in Clackamas County Circuit Court on a burglary charge, the judge appointed Dale Liberty to be his lawyer.

## Admiral Draper Will Inspect BH Training Center

The Naval Reserve Training center in Benton Harbor will be inspected Friday, May 21, by Rear Admiral Draper L. Kauffman, commandant of the Ninth Naval District and commander of the Great Lakes Naval Base.

It will be Admiral Kauffman's first trip to Benton Harbor. He also will inspect units in South Bend, Gary, Fort Wayne and Now Haven, Ind., all in the Ninth Naval District.

During the day, a meeting is set with community officials, and the admiral will talk before a Navy League dinner at night. The main point of business will be an inspection of the local Naval center.

Joining Admiral Kauffman on the visit will be Capt. Richard A. Vessie, assistant chief of staff for naval reserve; Commander Jack M. White, district public affairs officer; and Lt. Richard W. Mayo, aide, according to Lt. Commander George A. Howe, commanding officer of the Benton Harbor Naval Reserve Center.

Admiral Kauffman, 59, was born in San Diego, Calif., and received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1929. He was graduated in 1933, but denied a commission in the regular Navy because of poor eyesight. However, in 1941, he was able to secure a commission in the Naval Reserve. That year, he was rushed to Hawaii to disassemble a 500-pound Japanese bomb—the first enemy bomb

recovered intact. It was lodged in Schofield barracks. He received the Navy Cross for his efforts.

Following this, Admiral Kauffman saw extensive service in the Pacific Theater of War, earning numerous citations.



ADMIRAL DRAPER  
KAUFFMAN

## Dog Racing Seen As 'Painless' Source Of Revenue

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee sees greyhound racing as a new, painless and exciting way to raise fresh revenue for Michigan.

"Added income taxes are not always the answer," said Sen.

Harry DeMaso, R-Battle Creek. "People have had about all they can take from taxes. There are other ways to raise revenue, if the legislature is willing."

DeMaso's committee recommended Tuesday passage of an omnibus racing bill.

It would permit up to eight greyhound tracks in the state. Provisions include that one track must be in Detroit and another in the Upper Peninsula. DeMaso estimated that, depending on the number of tracks licensed, dog racing could produce between \$6 mil-

lion and \$25 million in new income. A generous share also would go to the local units of government permitting the dogs to run, DeMaso promised. He emphasized no greyhound license would be allowed unless it were approved by the county board of commissioners or the

city council in communities with a population of more than 50,000. Approval also would be subject to a vote of the people if five per cent of the voters were against the proposal. DeMaso said sponsors of a new Detroit stadium are interested in the idea. He envisioned

as many as three domed stadiums featuring racing in the state. There could be multiple use of the stadiums, he proposed, with thoroughbred racing, dog tracks and also a new sport of light horse or quarter horse racing.

Florida, DeMaso said, nets \$28 million a year from greyhound racing alone. His bill also proposes a three-man racing commission instead of the present single racing commissioner and tighter control of those connected with all types of racing.

## Heavy Buchanan Vote Total Expected

BUCHANAN — School district voters here are expected to turn out in record numbers Thursday to decide a \$6.75 million bond issue for school construction. Groups favoring and opposing the proposal have brought the issue before the voters at public meetings and are waging separate drives to get out the vote.

The Committee of 1900 is boosting the proposal. On their recommendation, the school board agreed to pare \$250,000 from the original proposal of \$6.975 million. The Committee of 4000 organized about a month ago and be-

came the first group urging a "no" vote. If approved, the proposal would finance the site and construction of a new high school and remodeling of the present high school into a middle school for grades six through eight. The issue is to run 29 years and would require a 6.92 yearly property tax rate to repay. Similar building proposals were rejected by school district voters last year in March and September. Voters favoring the issue increased from 760 in March to 938 in September, while those opposed numbered about 1,350 in both elections.

Last week, Supt. Richard Daugherty recommended to the school board a continuation of the 4.5 mill operating levy, which expired last December. He predicted the district will not need additional mills to operate next year. The board has not taken action on the recommendation. Voting this Thursday will take place in the high school gymnasium from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be two election boards to handle the expected turnout. School officials said 4,425 persons are registered to vote in the election.

## House Vote Pushes Off-Track Betting Bill Out Of Gate

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A cheer went up in the Michigan House. George Montgomery had won a big round in his battle for off-track betting.

By a vote of 58-42, two more than needed for passage, the House approved Tuesday Montgomery's twice-beaten bill to authorize a quasi-public agency with power to license facilities for off-track betting on horse races.

Now the battle shifts to the Senate, which last year ignored the idea after it had won narrow House passage in a looser form.

The speed with which the measure passed was startling. Called up ahead of its normal order on the calendar, the measure was put to a vote without debate. As the clerk read the tally, a loud cheer rang out from Montgomery's

supporters and the House had to be gavelled back to quiet. Montgomery said he felt the success of the off-track betting in New York on Kentucky Derby Day "helped swing a number of votes his way. A month ago, the measure had failed 42-51. Less than two weeks ago, a formal vote on the bill was called off hastily when a roll call indicated it would fail by at least four votes—and thus be dead for the session."

Montgomery, a silver-haired Detroit Democrat, said he felt chances for passage in the Senate were "very good—much, much better than last year."

There were indications the bill would be assigned to the Taxation Committee of Sen. Harry DeMaso, R-Battle Creek. Gov. William Milliken has expressed opposition to the bill in the past, as he has to any extension of gambling. However, Montgomery has estimated an off-track betting system could mean an additional \$40 million a year in tax revenue.

The bill provides for a three-member commission, appointed by the governor, to license and regulate what at the outset would be six off-track betting agencies. The commission would select the sites and give licenses to qualified private applicants.

Any others would be licensed on a population formula permitting one within the limits of any city or township of more than 20,000, plus an additional outlet for each additional 100,000 population "or major fraction thereof in excess of 20,000." Cities or townships with less than 20,000 could ask the commission to license an agency.

**CASH ONLY** Approval of local governing authorities would be needed for establishment of off-track agencies. No bets would be accepted unless covered in cash at the time of transmission.

The mechanics of the operation would be computerized. A bettor would pay a nickel commission to the agency for each \$2 bet or collected for him on a Michigan race. No seating, refreshments, newspapers or racing tip sheets would be permitted in the agencies.

And minors would not be permitted to wager. Here is the 58-42 rollcall vote by which the Michigan House approved Tuesday a bill to authorize off-track betting:

Republicans for (17): Allen, J. Brown, Bryant, Butth, Dively, Engler, Ford, Jowett, Mittan, Payant, Prescott, Sharpe, Swart, Spencer, Stackable, Swallow, Trezise.

Democrats for (41): L.D. Anderson, T.J. Anderson, Bradley, Broadhead, T.H. Brown, Copehead, Davis, Del Rio, Elliott, Ferguson, Fitzgerald, Forbes, Hasper, Hellman, Holmes, R.W. Hood, Huffman, Jacobetti, Kehres, Law, Mahoney, Mansour, Mastin, McCollough, McNeely, Montgomery, Mro-

zowski, Nelson, O'Brien, Ogowski, O'Neill, Pilch, Saunders, Snyder, Stallworth, Stempien, Stopczynski, Traxler, W a u g h n, Wierzbicki, R.A. Young.

Republicans against (31): Baker, Brennan, Cawthorne, Cramton, Dampian, Defenbaugh, DeStigter, F.R. Edwards, Folks, Friske, Gast, Geerlings, Gorat, Hayward, Heinze, Hoffman, Holbrook, Kok, Mowat, Powell, Root, Sackett, Serotkin, Smeekens, Smit, J.F. Smith, Strang, Varum, Warner, R.D. Young, Ziegler.

Democrats against (12): Bennett, Clark, Guastello, N.W. Hood, Kelsey, Kildee, Novak, Sheridan, Sietsema, Suski, Tierney, Walton.

## Hartford Names Top Students

HARTFORD — The president of the National Honor Society chapter at the high school here and the first runner-up in this year's Miss Hartford Blossom Queen contest have earned their school's top scholastic honors for 1971.

Rhonda Sue Wallace, the NHS president, has been named valedictorian of the 1971 graduating class. Debra Paulette Smith, the first runner-up to the reigning Miss Hartford, was named salutatorian.

Announcement of the awards was made by James Kappler, high school principal.

Rhonda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace, County Road 687, has earned a grade point average of 3.971 during her high school career. She has participated in the Future Teachers of America, the Girls' Athletic association, class plays, the yearbook and newspaper staffs, the American Problems seminar, the Pep Club and served as a delegate to Girls'



RHONDA SUE WALLACE



DEBRA PAULETTE SMITH

State during June 1970.

Rhonda intends to enroll at Hope College where she will major in psychology.

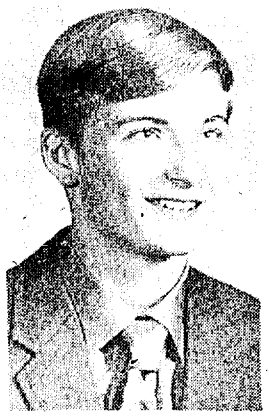
Debra, first runner-up in the recent Miss Hartford queen contest, has a 3.774 average. She has served as student council vice president, has been a cheerleader for three years, a band member for four years and served as a student council representative for two years.

She has been active on the yearbook staff, the Girls' Athletic association, in class plays, and band council. She participated in the American Problems seminar and the Pep Club.

Miss Smith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ellsworth Smith, plans to attend the Joan Jewett Career school in Lansing for a combined modeling and secretarial course.

Other Hartford students included in the top ten of their class are Sharon Collins, Mary Newnum, Karen Nelson, Rebecca Geisler, Michael Rose, Ronald Ward, Susan Faux and Steve Hallgren.

## Senior Wins GM Award



MARK DYKSTRA

SOUTH HAVEN — Mark Dykstra has been selected as the recipient of the General Motors Scholar award, one of two highest awards offered an incoming freshman at Western Michigan university.

Mark, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Dykstra, 1068 E. Wells, South Haven, was chosen for the program of recognition and financial support by the engineering and technology department of the college of applied sciences in conjunction with the scholarship department at Western Michigan university.

A senior at L. C. Mohr high school, South Haven, Mark was active in football and the student senate during his sophomore year. He has received a scholarship pin for the past three years and works part time at Jack's Super Dollar.

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## BH Girl Is Queen At LMC

Kay Knowles, Miss Lake Michigan College for 1971, will appear on the college's float in the annual Blossomtime Parade Saturday in the Twin cities.

The new LMC queen is a freshman student from Benton Harbor. She was crowned at the college's annual spring formal dance Saturday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bullon, 948 Pearl street, Miss Knowles, 19, was selected by a vote of the student body from a field of four contestants nominated from various clubs and organizations at the college.

Miss Knowles is a student in the cooperative office education program. In addition to her college classes, she works for One-Hour Martinizing in Benton Harbor and Scope Employment Service in St. Joseph as part of her training.

The new queen was co-sponsored by Gamma Theta Chi sorority and Phi Kappa Nu fraternity. Other contestants were: Linda Nelson, St. Joseph; Stella Rolfe, Benton Harbor; and Claudia Canale, Bridgman.



KAY KNOWLES  
Miss LMC

## Portage School Pact Settled

PORTAGE, Mich. (AP) — The Portage Board of Education Monday night approved what may be the first school year 1971-72 contracts in the state.

The board approved a series of pay hikes for teachers which amounts to 5.5 per cent. The hike according to Supt. Dr. George Contin is in line with increases in the standard of living costs.

of construction of the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant. Supt. Gerard Keidel said the construction was responsible for most of a 66.6 per cent hike in

projected state equalized property valuation in the district. The hike means that each mill levied produces more money than in the previous year.

According to Keidel the valuation is to go from 21,696,520 to \$35,796,665 this year. The valuation, considered to be about 50 per cent of the market value of real and personal property in the district, means each mill will produce \$35,796 toward school operation this year, instead of \$21,696 as last year.

The difference between the \$130,176 produced by the six

mill levy which expired in December and the \$107,338 expected from the three mill levy would come from increases produced from the rest of the district tax rate. It amounts to 15.666.

Monies raised from the levy go toward financing the district's operating expense budget, now \$664,860.

Keidel said the school board voted early Tuesday morning, following an executive session after its regular Monday night board meeting, to seek the millage at the regular school election.

made on the understanding the city would provide water and sewage service.

**BOND PROGRAM** Johnson said plans call for \$150,000 in general obligation bonds to be paid off in perhaps 10 years. About 80 per cent of the cost will be recovered through hookup charges to the Silver Terrace residents, with the remainder coming from the city at large.

An earlier plan to finance the project through special assessment was prohibited by a portion of the city charter regulating special assessments. The Silver Terrace area has a

## School Man Killed At Mattawan

MATTAWAN — A school employe here was killed this morning when he fell from bleachers in the gymnasium, apparently crushing him to death.

School officials are withholding the name of the employe until relatives have been notified.

The accident occurred between 9:30 a.m. at the rear of the stage in the gymnasium in the high school, according to state police.

According to initial reports, the victim may have saved the lives of two young students who were near the spot where the lumber fell.

State police of the Paw Paw post said the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.



KAREN NELSON



LINDA HEIMSATH



BURTON WOODWORTH

## Watervliet Plans June 14 Vote On \$150,000 Utility Bonds

WATERVLIT — City commissioners last night set a June 14 election for voting on a \$150,000 bond issue to finance water and sewer lines into Silver Terrace subdivision.

If approved, the general obligation bonds would allow the extension of water and sewer lines into an area cited by the county health department for unsatisfactory sewage disposal.

Silver Terrace, with some 24 homes and a couple of businesses, was annexed to the city by a vote last August after residents petitioned to join. According to city clerk, Fred Johnson, the annexation was

high water table, which causes septic tanks to overflow during wet weather.

In other business, the commission approved in a close vote plans for a new post office in a residential district on Pleasant street. The vote was 3-3 among commissioners until Mayor Robert Flaherty cast the deciding vote. Flaherty said it was the first time he had been required to cast a vote in his 10 years on the commission.

Opposition to the plan came from commissioners who said city residents had complained to them of the inconvenience of the proposed site.

Watervliet Postmaster Fred Hamlin said the new post office would include a loading dock and parking spaces, neither of which it has at its present location on Main street. There also would be more lock boxes, he said.

A new post office has been proposed for the former education annex of the Free Methodist church on Pleasant street, which would be extensively remodeled. Further action by the government is awaiting city commission approval, Hamlin said.

The city zoning board already gave their approval to allow the location of the post office in a residential district but City Attorney James Coleman last night ruled that approval was required from the commissioners.

May 29 was set as poppy day on request of American Legion Post 328.

Cleanup week was set for May 10-14.

## Spaghetti Supper At Bloomingdale

BLOOMINGDALE — The Bloomingdale high school journalism class is sponsoring a public spaghetti supper Friday, 5-7 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Proceeds are to go toward a "Better the Year Book" fund. Prices are \$1 for students, \$1.50 for adults, and \$5 for families of five or more.

## Taxpayers Rush To Save Parcels

An unprecedented crush of last-minute tax payments slashed the 1,649 Berrien county parcels scheduled in the annual May tax sale yesterday to a mere 600 or less, Berrien Treasurer William C. Heyn reported.

The 1,649 parcels were scheduled to have 1968 back taxes and related charges sold yesterday for nonpayment, but many hundreds of parcels were kept out of the sale when the owners reported to Heyn to pay off the taxes.

An estimated 300 owners paid Friday and another 200 Mon-

day in the biggest pre-tax sale crowds ever seen in the Berrien treasurer's office, Heyn said.

He estimated that 600 or fewer parcels' taxes were offered for sale yesterday and that of these perhaps 30 per cent went unsold, meaning the properties will revert to state ownership unless redeemed by the owners.

Many parcels offered yesterday were bought by speculators hoping to turn a modest profit when the owners buy back the

back tax plus interest. Biggest single buyer, at some \$56,000 total, was Blackhawk, Inc., of Chicago, which buys to collect interest.

The sale was held from 10 a.m. to shortly before 1 p.m. in the third-floor county commissioners' room in the court-house, St. Joseph.

Heyn was unable to immediately report the value of taxes sold yesterday because returns had not yet been tabulated.